

## **RESTRICTION**

The May 9, 2006 Office Action had restricted Claims 47-229, as follows:

Species I: Claims 47-90, described as a separate embodiment in the specification, are drawn toward discovering and analyzing data, making recommendations for actions and then executing an action.

Species II: Claims 91-139 and 187-229, described as a separate embodiment in the specification, are drawn toward discovering and analyzing data, identifying conditions, alerting a user based on a condition and then executing an action. The Examiner noted that if this species was elected, there may be an issue of duplicate claims.

Species III: Claims 140-186, described as a separate embodiment in the specification, are drawn toward discovering and analyzing data, identifying conditions, alerting a user based on a condition, making recommendations for actions and then executing an action.

The Office Action required that the Applicants elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable. Currently claims 1-46 are generic.

## **ELECTION**

The Applicants elect Species III, **with traverse**.

## **REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement. Applicants traverse the requirement because all the pending claims are integrally related by design, operation, and effect. All groups address the method for managing a workflow process that assists users in procurement, sourcing, and decision-support for strategic sourcing.